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In re Application of: **Sulayman Dib-Hajj *et al.***)

Application No. **09/856,274**)

Group Art Unit: **1646**

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Examiner: **Michael Pak**

For: **Effects of GDNF and NGF on Sodium
Channels in DRG Neurons**)

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

- Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Response Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in response to the Office Communication dated December 1, 2003 and further in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003.
- Extension of Time: The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply. Applicants petition for an additional four-month extension of time from September 1, 2003 to January 1, 2004, the fee for a small entity which is **\$950.00** as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). If Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, please consider this a Petition therefor.
- Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Remaining		Previously Paid	Extra	Rate	Total Fees
Total Claims	25	minus	25	0	\$18 each=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	minus	7	0	\$86 each=	0.00
First presentation of Multiple dependent claim					\$290.00	0.00
Sub-total =						0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						000
Total Fee =						0.00

- Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$950.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the additional four-month extension of time fee (\$950.00) at the small entity rate.
- Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this

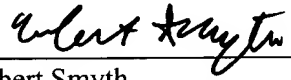
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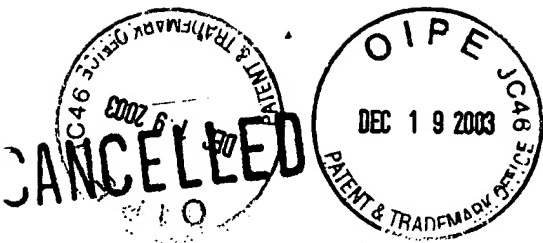
application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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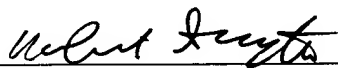
SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Communication dated December 1, 2003 and the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated July 1, 2003, supplemental to Applicants' election of the claims of Group I (claims 1-2) drawn to a method to treat pain by administering GDNF to alter sodium ion current flow, with traverse, **Applicants elect the species of pain for prosecution on the merits.** Applicants submit that substitute claims 20 to 44 are all directed to the elected invention (*i.e.*, methods of treating pain).

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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